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PORTIONS OF INTERVIEW (WHICH ORIGINALLY TRANSLATED INTO

PORTUGUESE FROM FRENCH) FOLLOWS: "FOR A LONG TIME I PUBLICALLY CRITICIZED THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AND EVEN SUSPECTED THAT ORGANIZATION OF HAVING GREATLY HELPED THE OLD PORTUGUESE REGIME. PORTUGAL RECEIVED SHIPMENTS OF ARMS FROM VARIOUS NATO COUNTRIES. IN PRINCIPLE, THESE ARMS WERE NOT TO BE USED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST AFRICAN GUERRILLAS, BUT THE LISBON GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAKE GOOD ON ITS COMMITMENT...WE ARE LOYAL TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE, BUT THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE GUIDED TOWARD THE DEFENSE OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS."

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